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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 11, 2006

Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully
requested in view of the comments below.